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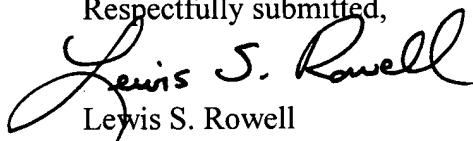
Claims 1, 3-5 and 7 are pending in the present application. Claims 2 and 6 are canceled.

Claims 1, 3, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,971,227 to Knickerbocker et al.

The Examiner finds that Claims 2, 4, and 5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant herein amends Claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of Claim 2.

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending application is now in condition for an immediate allowance with Claims 1, 3-5 and 7, and such action is requested. If any matter remains unresolved, Applicant's counsel would appreciate the courtesy of a telephone call to resolve the matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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